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Substance use meeting goes online

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – The Quaboag Hills Substance Use Alliance members met through Zoom Monday morning, sharing updates on Baystate Health, the Drug Addiction Response Team, or DART, recovery meetings and a proposed peer recovery center for Ware.

Leah Bradley, director of Baystate Health's behavioral health division and based at Wing Hospital, said Baystate Health's daily census of COVID-19 patients, including the very ill and moderately ill, had been at about 160 to 170 a day for the last several days. She said this seemed to show a leveling off at least for the past few days.

"This is good news, it sounds like we're plateauing," she said about the system-wide census.

She said Wing Hospital has two 11-bed units for COVID-19 patients, one of which was the

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Seniors get lunch take-out style

Center continues with services

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – As part of making sure senior citizens are receiving the help they need during COVID-19 stay-at-home circumstances, Council on Aging Executive Director John Zienowicz and staff are holding a moving take-out line for lunches.

"We're operating on a real skeleton crew," he said, with a few employees a day in the Senior Center making sure they are observing social distancing at all times. The center was closed to the public in March and remains closed except for a handful of employees. The employees have been coming in on a rotating basis so there are never more than five of them in the center at the same time. He said it seems odd to be finding ways to keep serving seniors without trying to bring them together. In fact, with all the

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Turley Publications staff photo by Paula Ouimette
Ware Council on Aging Executive Director John Zienowicz hands lunches at the Senior Center on Robbins Road as he and volunteers make sure seniors are still getting their lunches during public building closures during COVID-19 stay-at-home conditions.

Hardwick prepares for COVID-19

No cases as of Monday night

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

HARDWICK – Hardwick's SelectBoard, meeting on Zoom's web conferencing application, held a pole hearing with National Grid and took care of a variety of issues.

They heard from Board of Health member Tex Sarabia and Emergency Management Director Eric Vollheim.

Vollheim updated them on all matters COVID-19.e said to his knowledge there have not been any confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Hardwick or New Braintree. He said the town has received two sets of supplies, one of hand sanitizer and another of antiseptic cleaner, which he has shared among departments. He expects to receive gloves and gowns, which he will also distribute when they arrive, although the town already has some of both.

The town has been working with the Central Mass Regional Planning Commission as money to cope with COVID-19 comes through CDBG funds, which the commission helps administer, Sarabia said. The town has already received \$8,500 toward supplies, Vollheim said.

Cofsky said the town has already created two funds, a COVID-19 expenditure account and a COVID-19 receivables account to track the funds.

Cofsky said responsibility for is a task squarely on the back of local Boards of Health. "The state has put a tremendous amount of obligations and responsibilities onto local Boards of Health," Cofsky said.

"Everyone has to stay vigilant and stay away from people," Sarabia said.

"We are keeping our heads above water," Sarabia said. "We've got zero COVID-19 victims in Hardwick. We're following the recommendations of the CDC and the state DPH, and hopefully we'll continue this way, Sarabia said.

He said he has been taking webinars with the state so he knows how to enter data into the DPH's reporting database, and Town Administrator Theresa

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Turley Publications courtesy photo
Two of Quaboag Valley Community Development Corp.'s loan facilitators, Melissa Fales, left, and Dakota DesRochers, just two of several employees working remotely to help area communities during COVID-19 in a number of ways.

QVDC continues to help communities

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Quaboag Valley Community Development Corp.'s physical doors may be shut due to the COVID-19 circumstances, but employees are still available and working hard to meet the area's needs, particularly for small businesses. They are all working from home and lining up help for cash-strapped businesses, job seekers and senior citizens who may no longer be able to go out in public to shop.

Senior citizens

Through an additional grant from the Worcester Community Foundation, the QVDC has expanded its existing program to help Hardwick seniors with errands

to Warren and Ware. All workers through them have had criminal background checks and can do chores such as picking up groceries and prescriptions or other simple tasks, which have become so difficult during the COVID-19 circumstances. Those who need help should call the QVDC at 413-967-3001. QVDC Executive Director Sheila Cuddy and Loan Coordinator Melissa Fales advises people to let the phone ring as they are not a big agency and they are spread out at their homes. If seniors leave a message, it will be returned, they said.

Small business help

For small businesses, the rapid response loan program is available,

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Helping others by making masks

Editor's note: The Ware River News wants to cover the ways people are helping others during the COVID-19 circumstances, and encourages those who are in the midst of helping or know others who are to get in touch by sending an email to ekennedy@turley.com so we can highlight everyone.

By Eileen Kennedy
Staff writer

WARE – Sewing up a storm for others feels like a good thing to do, according to 11-year-old Willow Lauderdale and her mother, Marie.

"We've been really busy," said Marie, who is also the director of Ware's Workshop13, the arts and education nonprofit. "I'm also making scrub caps at the moment for some friends who requested them."

With schools and the nonprofit closed, the two have managed to keep themselves pretty busy.

"We were thinking how we could be most helpful and when I was shopping, I asked the cashiers if they had facemasks and they said they didn't. I asked them if they would like some, and they said they would. That set everything in motion." Big Y has also put plexiglass shields between the cashiers and customers and has been deep cleaning its stores every night.

Willow has been working away and by the end of last week she had 25 masks to drop off at Big Y in Ware.

"I would hear her sometimes getting up early, at 7 a.m., and the sound of the machine buzzing," said Marie.

In face, she found she liked sewing so much on her mother's 25-year-old machine, which began skipping stitches and giving her

"We were thinking how we could be most helpful and when I was shopping, I asked the cashiers if they had facemasks and they said they didn't."

– Marie Lauderdale

other issues, so for her upcoming birthday her mother ordered her a new machine.

They received a lot of donated fabric, which has given them a variety of masks as well. Although their elastic supplies are running

a little low, if they can't get more, they may switch to using binding strips as ties.

Willow said she was glad she was doing something to help, and looks forward to making more. "I'm learning a lot as I make them," she said about her the process.

Marie said once Workshop13 is able to reopen, it plans to offer a fiber arts class for teens and teens. She had spread the word that sewing machines were needed and had been ready to pick them up when COVID-19 hit. She's hoping to be able to pick them up when life returns somewhat to normal.

The masks and scrub caps are free but donations can be made to Workshop13, 13 Church St., Ware, MA, 01062 or online at <https://www.workshop13.org/>, which will use the money to buy more fabric to keep the process in motion.



Turley Publications courtesy photo
Willow Lauderdale, and her mother, Marie, who is not in the photo, delivered 25 hand-made face masks to employees at Big Y supermarket in Ware last week.

Memorial Day parade, ceremony canceled

WARE – The annual Memorial Day parade from the American Legion to Veteran's Park for a ceremony has been canceled this year due to the uncertainty around the COVID-19 circumstances, according to veteran Mike Doney.

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Debbie Wong, West Main, 413-967-3336
Teresa's, Palmer Road, 413-967-7601
Subway, West Street, 413-277-0438
Dunkin Donuts, West Street
Taco Bell, West Street, 413, 967-4898
McDonald's, West Street
Wicked Wings, 413-277-0020, hours vary

Banks (drive through services)
Country Bank West Street
Monson Savings, West Street
Westfield Savings, Gibbs Crossing
North Brookfield, Main Street

Groceries
Big Y, 7:30 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Walmart, 7 a.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Convenience/Liquor
Brusso's, West Main Street
Jane Alden, West Street
Ware Package Store, Main Street
Cumberland Farms, West Street
Brookside Mart, West Street

Meals/Food Pick up
Children under 18
Ware Middle School, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Kidstop, Pleasant St., 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Hillside Village, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Seniors, Senior Center 967-9648, ext.501, week-days 11:30 a.m.
Trinity Church, Jubilee Cupboard, Thursdays, 9 a.m. to noon, diapers also available
Food Bank distribution, Hillside, Third Tuesdays, 1 to 2 p.m.

Home Services
BEC Heating and Plumbing
Lowe's
Walmart
LaGrant Electric
Senior Outreach program, 413-867-3001

Pharmacies
Wal-Mart, 9 a.m.
Walgreens, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.
CVS, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m.



Are You Old News?



Each week the Ware River News digs into its submitted photo archives and selects a people photo to publish. We need your help to help identify those pictured.

Email your answers by Monday at noon to ekennedy@turley.com.



Butch Houle knew all those featured in last week's Are you old news? The photo featured the men behind the scenes at that past Saturday's Ware youth fishing derby. They are from left, Bill Chrabascz, president of the Aspen Street Rod and Gun Club, Lenny Houle, Chris Guzik, Harold Boudreau and Fred Robitaille. It was from the May 9, 1991 issue of the Ware River News.

Anyone who can identify the two men in this photo or what they're showing off should send their answer to ekennedy@turley.com with their full name.

Turley the Turtle guesses

There were 9 Turley the Turtles in the Ware River News of April 9. The following people counted the Turley the Turtles in the April 9 edition of the Ware River News.
Joanne Pluta, Hardwick, 9
Deborah Hobson, Ware, 8
Debbie Darrah, Gilbertville, 8
Penny Ouimette, Gilbertville, 10
Quinn Ouimette, Gilbertville, 10

Calling all students and teachers

The Ware River News is calling all children – everyone under 18 – to send us artwork, essays and photos. If enough children send pieces on it's possible we could have a whole issue devoted to them. Please include full names on all submissions so we can give proper credit to the creator. Also, if photos are submitted please identify the people in the photo.

Parents, the if you could forward them to us it would be appreciated.
We're also asking teachers to send essays, artwork or photos describing what it's like for them being home and educating students from afar.
Please send all emails to ekennedy@turley.com.
Stay safe. Thanks, Eileen Kennedy, Editor

Scholarship deadline approaches

Beaver Lake Club is still accepting applications and requests for applications from Ware residents for \$1,000 scholarships to support local students higher education. Beaver Lake Club Corporation's annual Louis H. Healy Scholarship of \$1000 will be presented to a deserving high school senior or current college student who is from the town of Ware or who is a member of the Beaver Lake Club Community. This year the committee has been granted the ability to award two \$1,000 scholarships.

The scholarship is given in the memory of Louis Healy a long time and well-respected member of the Beaver Lake community and the town of Ware. Lou was an active leader and participant in both town and community matters and his family and friends continue to celebrate his thoughts, ideals, and memory by awarding this yearly academic scholarship.

The application deadline is April 17, 2020 and applications should be postmarked by that date. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, we will be accepting applications for one extra week. The selected recipient will be announced and the scholarships will be awarded in early June. Applications and information can be obtained by sending an email to ctrietsch22@gmail.com or by mailing a request to BLCC: P.O. Box 253, Ware, MA 01082



Sharing art at home

WARE – Rebecca Eckert, an eighth-grader at Ware Junior Senior High School, spent some of this time at home honing her art skills. She drew this turtle and then painted it for her mother for Easter. She also painted the family's basement door with a beautiful scene.

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Legislature gives Board of Elementary, Secondary Education power to waive MCAS requirements

BOSTON –The House of Representatives and the Senate have approved legislation authorizing the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education to waive MCAS testing requirements for the 2019-2020 academic year due to the disruptions caused by the COVID-19 global pandemic and the ongoing State of Emergency in Massachusetts.

State Rep. Todd Smola (R-Warren) said that in addition to the proposed MCAS changes, House Bill 4616, An Act to further address challenges faced by municipalities, school districts and state authorities resulting from COVID-19, would also allow regional school districts to delay finalizing a fiscal 2021 budget beyond June 30, and extend the deadline for school districts to file progress reports mandated by the 2019 Student Opportunity Act. The bill was enacted in both legislative

branches on April 9, and is now on Governor Charlie Baker’s desk awaiting his signature.

Under the bill, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education would be empowered to waive the requirements of the competency determination for high school graduation, with the recommendation of the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education. High school seniors who are unable to take or complete a competency determination assessment administered in the spring of 2020 would be given the opportunity to take or retake the assessment at a later date.

The bill also mandates that the requirement for a comprehensive diagnostic assessment of individual students be waived for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

Because some participating cities and towns may not be able to finalize a budget on time this year,

House Bill 4616 would also permit regional school districts to suspend the statutorily-required vote on the approval of their fiscal 2021 budget until after June 30. To provide for the continued operation of the regional school district in the absence of a completed budget, the Commissioner of Elementary and Secondary Education would be authorized to certify one or more 1/12th interim budgets until a new budget is finalized.

Smola noted that House Bill 4616 also moves the reporting date for schools to submit their first three-year plan to close student achievement gaps, as mandated by the Student Opportunity Act passed last year. The bill sets the new reporting deadline for May 15, but allows the Commissioner to extend the date even further, if needed.

Additional provisions contained in House Bill 4616 include lan-

guage:

allowing for the in-person verification requirements to be suspended, waived, delayed or simplified for both the Massachusetts Rental Voucher Program and the Residential Assistance for Families in Transition (RAFT) program for the duration of the State of Emergency;

moving the date by which the MBTA board must approve a preliminary budget from March 15 to May 15; and

moving the date by which the MBTA must submit a final budget to the advisory board from April 15 to June 15.

House Bill 4616 includes an emergency preamble, which means it will take effect as soon as Gov. Charlie Baker signs the bill. For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-22-2100.

House approves moratorium on evictions and foreclosures during COVID-19 pandemic

BOSTON – State Rep. Todd M. Smola (R-Warren, Ranking Member, Committee on Ways & Means) is pleased to announce that the House of Representatives has approved a temporary moratorium on evictions and foreclosures in Massachusetts to protect renters and homeowners during the ongoing State of Emergency triggered by the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Smola said House Bill 4615, which was engrossed on April 2, would ban all but “emergency for cause” eviction actions from the time the bill is signed into law until 30 days after the State of Emergency is lifted. Landlords would be able to initiate an eviction action only for allegations of criminal activity or lease violations that are detrimental to the health and safety of others while the moratorium is in effect. The moratorium applies to both residential and commercial properties.

House Bill 4615 would also prohibit landlords from imposing a late fee or notifying a consumer reporting agency due to non-payment of rent, as long as the tenant provides notice and documentation to the landlord that their inability to pay on time is directly or indirectly related to the virus outbreak or the Governor’s State of Emergency declaration.

Tenants will have 30 days from the date rent is due to provide this documentation.

Landlords pursuing an emergency for cause eviction action must provide residential and commercial tenants with 10 days’ written notice to quit. If the tenant refuses to vacate the premises, the landlord can then proceed with an action for summary process through the court system.

Smola noted that homeowners are also given protections from foreclosure under House Bill 4615. While the moratorium is in effect, mortgagees and creditors would be prohibited from publishing notice of a foreclosure sale; exercising a power of sale; exercising a right of entry; initiating a judicial or non-judicial foreclosure process; or filing a complaint to determine the military status of a mortgagor under the federal Service members Civil Relief Act.

Additional language included in the bill would allow homeowners applying for a reverse mortgage to receive statutorily mandated counseling through video conferencing, rather than face-to-face.

House Bill 4615 now heads to the Senate for further action. For additional information please contact Smola at Todd.Smola@mahouse.gov or 617-722-2100.

Additional measures to reduce crowding at state parks

Efforts will promote social distancing to aid in the prevention of spreading COVID-19

Importantly, the measures will reduce close contact of park users, and aid in the reduction of large concentrations of people on adjacent sidewalks and paths.

Locally this means there is currently no vehicular access to Quabbin Park. There is extremely limited parking is available at the east entrance. People are asked not to park along Route 9 and consider other locations if this small parking area is full, according to the Massachusetts DCR website.

The Quabbin Visitor Center is closed to aid in the prevention of spreading COVID-19.

DCR is also postponing the start of shoreline fishing at Quabbin Reservoir and the opening of the Quabbin Boat Launch Areas until Sat. May 9.

DCR continues to stress that if

a park is crowded, visitors should visit a different location or return at a later date or time.

While visiting state park properties, the public should visit locations that are located near their homes, limit their excursions to short periods of time, and only participate in recreational activities that are transitory in nature, such as walking, jogging and biking.

This will allow access to the outdoors while continuing to ensure social distancing to limit the spread of COVID-19.

The state parks system has over 450,000 acres of property, and every region of the state contains multiple parks to explore that may be less busy than others in the area. DCR also advises visitors of state parks to stay within solitary or small groups, avoid gatherings

of ten or more people, participate in only non-contact recreational activities, practice healthy personal hygiene, such as handwashing for at least 20 seconds, and, stay home if ill, over 70, and/or part of a vulnerable population.

For further information of the measures that the department has taken to aid in the prevention of spreading COVID-19, please visit the agency’s Massachusetts State Parks COVID-19 Updates webpage. Prior to visiting a state parks property, members of the public should review the contents of the webpage. For information about the Baker-Polito Administration’s ongoing efforts to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, please visit the Department of Public Health’s (DPH) website.

Unemployment applications available in Spanish

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito Administration recently launched a Spanish language online, mobile-friendly, unemployment benefits application for those who need to apply.

The new, secure application for Spanish speakers is available through mass.gov/deseempleo, the Spanish language website for unemployment in Massachusetts.

The Department of Unemployment Assistance will make language applications available in Portuguese, Haitian Creole, Chinese, Vietnamese and additional languages in the coming days.

The new Spanish language form is the latest effort from to deliver crucial COVID-19 information to non-English speakers, including the launch of a COVID-19 text message alert system, also available in Spanish.

All of Mass.Gov (including Mass.Gov/COVID19) is available in 13 different languages and the commonwealth’s non-emergency helpline for COVID-19, 2-1-1, is available in more than 150 languages.

Updating the DUA website with the latest information that claimants and employers need to know, what the latest federal legislation means for them, and a step-by-step guide to filing a claim available in multiple languages.

Residents may visit www.mass.gov/covid19 for the latest information, call 2-1-1 with questions, or text “COVIDMA” to 888-777 to subscribe to text-alert updates (COVIDMAESP for Spanish language alerts).

QVDC receives COVID-19 services grant

WARE – In response to the coronavirus public health crisis, The Health Foundation of Central Massachusetts has expedited \$371,000 in supplemental funding to 27 nonprofits serving Central Massachusetts, and Ware-based Quaboag Valley CDC was one of the nonprofits to receive funding.

“The Board of the Foundation devised a three-pronged strategy for helping area nonprofits in

response to coronavirus. The top priority to bolster current grantees’ projects and to address special circumstances has been accomplished with this distribution of supplemental funding,” said Jan Yost, president of the Foundation. The Foundation’s Activation Fund remains open, with Letters of Intent due April 30. Further allocations to address gaps and the long-term impact of coronavirus will

be informed by government and private funding and determined in the months ahead, she explained.

The Foundation was established in 1999 with the proceeds from the sale of Central Massachusetts Health Care, Inc., a physician-initiated, nonprofit HMO. The Foundation currently has assets of approximately \$67 million and has awarded grants totaling over \$44 million.

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services being provided, the staff has to find ways to do so without bringing everyone together.

While normal weekday lunches served at the center ran at about 130, around 65 seniors drive up to a line at 11:30 a.m. each week day for the center’s lunches made on the property.

“We know that some seniors rely on that lunch, and in some cases it is their one and only meal, so we wanted to make sure we kept it going,” he said. Food had already been purchased and the COA did not want it to go bad, so the lunches continued after buying Styrofoam trays to pack them in.

For those who are isolated and without transportation, the meals are dropped off by van drivers on their doorsteps.

The Senior Center vans are not transporting people right now because both drivers are elderly and cannot be exposed to the coronavirus, but they can drop the meals off on doorsteps.

The Senior Center staff are in the building

to cook, pack the meals and coordinate social outreach to those who need it, he said. The cook has one assistant per day, and they work on opposite sides of the large kitchen.

Meals need to be ordered by noon the day before the meal is provided and the Center’s number is 413-967-9645.

There are no home visits by outreach workers or social workers, but Maire-Brigid Bresnahan is still available by phone and email.

The center staff also provided this month’s Brown Bag program to 135 seniors, which consists of grocery bags full of items, which comes from the Food Bank, by bagging up the supplies and handing them out to people as they drove up.

Due to social distancing protocols, the Food Bank had to drop the food delivery in the parking lot, and volunteers brought the items inside, then sorted and bagged them.

The mobile food pantry, which usually stops at Hillside Village in Ware, will take place on April 21

in Grenville Park to observe social distancing protocols, he said. The items will be pre-bagged. The apartment complex’s parking lot is small and it would be difficult to keep everyone safe, he said. In Grenville Park, people will be able to drive up and receive the food. There will also be provisions for those who walk up, he said.

He said the Quaboag Valley Community Development Corp. is also providing Ware, Hardwick and Warren seniors with a free service to do chores such as grocery and prescription pick-ups as well as other errands. Their number is 413-967-3001. All workers under gone criminal background checks.

QVDC staff are all working remotely, and those interested in the service are encouraged to leave a clear, concise message and staff members will return your call as quickly as possible.

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Cofke has also taken the webinars and conference calls. Vollheim has also been taking webinars and conference calls about various aspects of preparing for COVID-19, with Cofke also taking those webinars as well.

Vollheim also brought some exam masks to Mary Lane and to the Ware Fire Department’s ambulance workers, who provide ambulance service to Hardwick.

Cofke also said the Waste Water Treatment Plant workers had requested gowns so they would be better protected when they are working, and Vollheim said he would provide them.

She said she has also been in contact with town administrators and town managers from other towns and she found it helpful to talk about ideas and what other communities are doing. “It’s very helpful and very uplifting,” she said, as about 90 percent of the emails she receives lately are related to COVID-19 issues or questions.

P.J. McDonald, head of Eagle Hill School in Hardwick, had also donated some face shields to the town.

SelectBoard member Julie Quink said she was wearing a mask and gloves in public, but was receiving strange looks for doing so. “I don’t know how we get people to take this seriously,” she said. In a recent trip to a local convenience store she was the only with them on.

Young said he had been wearing masks and gloves for the last three weeks.

Vollheim said it was important for town officials to lead by example.

entrance must be provided for the town. The lockbox is now provided for paying bills without coming into Town Hall, which is closed to the public, she said.

The Police Department moved out of the building’s basement, due to asbestos and mold concerns, and are now in the Braintree Town Hall. The monitor is still being eyed by police since evidence remains locked up in the basement, but the Police Department said it would try to figure out a way to allow the outside camera to be seen from another monitor.

Municipal building cameras

Cofke told the SelectBoard that the front door camera at the Municipal Building, which will be include a focus on the town’s new lockbox, must be in working order and a monitor of that

Town Election

The SelectBoard voted to postpone the Town Election again from May 9, which was chosen after the original April 13 date was changed to May 9. No new date was chosen by the board. The governor’s order, which allowed communities to change election and Annual Town Meeting dates also states the changed elections must take place before June 30.

Land purchase

The board voted to support the Department of Fish and Game interest in purchasing land in Hardwick. SelectBoard member Kenan Young said the land was between Charity Hill Road and Harry Webb’s property, which abuts the Quabbin Reservoir. The land would be next to land already owned by the department called the northern Muddy Brook Wildlife Management Area.

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GUEST COLUMN

Time to come together

By Hunter Labier
Guest columnist

COVID-19 has put the world at a standstill and poured fear onto the citizens of the U.S. and other nations around the world, drenching them in uncertainty and immersing them with panic and at the same time vigorously wringing out common sense and reasonable judgment. It is making us rely on our primal instincts in a savage and nearly unrecognizable manner. We take what we think is necessary for our survival even if we don't need it at that moment, we don't consider others, we don't consider anyone else besides us and our direct family.

This is not in the future, this is right now, right now stores are out of toilet paper, right now store shelves are cleared, right now people are buying masks and gloves not considering that it takes away from people who need them, right now we are in chaos. We aren't in the apocalypse now but an apocalypse isn't usually caused by the event, it is caused by the reaction, the panic, then the hell comes. We as a society and as a community must come together. Instead of buying face masks to protect yourself, you can follow the Center for Disease Control's prevention's guide of making face masks that will protect you and others, and won't take away from healthcare workers and people who need them.

Now it is hard to come together, but when things are hard we must work harder. When it is difficult to be a community we must be as strong as a community as we can. JFK once said, "We will go to the moon not because it's easy but because it's hard." We went to the moon not once but six times with a crew, then more with robots and rovers, and one day there will be a crewed mission to and one day a child that reads this now will go to Mars. We went to the moon because we were determined to beat the Soviets, now we must be determined to beat the coronavirus.

"We rise by lifting others" Robert Ingersoll once said and his words apply now more than ever. We rose in World War II, we rose after 9/11, we rose after the Boston bombings and we will rise now and we must keep rising and we must never stop.

If we all come together now and we help others we will be helped in return. If we all buy toilet paper only when we need it, then we will all have toilet paper. If we don't buy masks and gloves then our chances of being treated more effectively are greater and fewer people will die. You must individually make decisions that will benefit the greater good instead of the few, even if we have to make sacrifices. Mahatma Gandhi famously said "We must be the change we wish to see the world." We must have these words echo through our heads. We must not wish for a better tomorrow, we must make one. Mankind has worked too hard to give up now, we have worked too hard to give up ever. In these confusing times, we must ensure that our children are educated, we are still staying connected and everyone is safe, no matter the cost.

We must put aside our differences and we must remember that the lessons of tomorrow are best taught today.

Hunter Labier is a Warren resident.

Thankful for them while praying for an end

By Peter Hastings

We stay at work for you and you stay at home for me Shelter in place, stay at home words to live by for everybody.

Social distancing the word of the day that means to stay, six feet away A mask on your face, gloves on your hands are safety orders we all should obey.

The stores have made their aisles one way just follow the arrows, do not stray And be mindful of the store workers that risk their lives everyday.

This virus is brutal too many have passed away we can't thank the caregivers enough who help us by deciding to stay.

For the doctors, nurses and first responders for you everyday we pray Your selfless sacrifices make us all feel safer each and every day.

Thank you, thank you, thank you we say over and over again And also in our prayers we pray for this awful virus to end.

The spotlight is on early bloomers

For years I drove by this particular house on my way to work, and every April I admired a "sea" of tiny blue flowers growing in the lawn. They literally stopped traffic for a few weeks each spring then disappeared.

The tiny blue flower are Siberian squill (Scilla siberica). Singularly they are not much to speak of, but when planted en masse, they really stand out against the backdrop of a green lawn. Each mature bulb produces three or four stems of drooping royal blue flowers not more than 4" tall. Leaves are blade-like, a bit thicker than those of grass, blending in nicely with it after flowers fade. The bulbs themselves are quite small, so planting them is easy. Simply take a trowel and stab at the ground, pulling back a bit of earth. Sprinkle some well-balanced organic fertilizer into the divot and insert the bulb pointed side up, two to three inches deep, then close the hole.

Over time, Siberian squill will multiply in numbers by offshoots and seed. For a nice showing early on, be prepared to plant at least a couple of hundred. Remember too,

that bulb foliage needs to ripen before it is removed, so hold off on mowing the lawn until it has yellowed. The lawn isn't the only place where Siberian squill are at home- try groupings of seven to nine in a perennial garden for a splash of early color. They look great in my mom's garden and return effortlessly year after year.

Another plant at home in the perennial garden is the primrose. They are plentiful at florist shops and nurseries this time of year. With any luck you may have even received one as an Easter gift. Even though they are usually sold in small pots, it's hard to miss their brightly colored flowers poking up through basal foliage. They come in almost every color of the rainbow.

Many types of primrose make great garden plants; check the label to make sure the one you purchase is hardy before planting it outdoors. I have had a clump of primroses blooming for years now that started out as a potted plant. After enjoying it indoors, let it harden off a bit before planting it in the ground; a partly shady spot with moisture

retentive soil is best. Mom's garden has a number of primroses in it too.

Typically they need to be divided every three years or so, evident by die-out that begins in the center of the plant. Simply separate a chunk from the outer portion of the plant and replant it in rejuvenated soil. I prefer to do this early in the season but it can also be accomplished right after flowering has ended. In the heat of the summer, and especially in drier soils, the plant can look a little yellow and ragged. Keeping it well watered helps.

Expect blooms by the end of this month; they look particularly nice alongside late tulips and daffodils!

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.



Roberta McQuaid

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

COVID-19 and social isolation are increasing danger for those who are forced to stay at home seven days a week with abusive partners.

If you or someone you know is in this situation, the information below can help:

First and foremost call 911 if you are in danger. Police will still respond to calls for help.

Call a local domestic violence advocate out of the BHN Domestic Violence Program in Ware at 413-967-6241 x 58535 (messages are checked frequently).

Contact a 24 hour hotline for confidential support. Staff can help you think about a safety plan that fits your current situation.

Womanshelter/Companeras (Holyoke): 413-536-1628 (24/7)

YWCA (Springfield): 413-733-7100 (24/7)

New Hope (Worcester) 800-323-4673 (24/7)

Safe Link state-wide hotline 877-785-2020 (24/7)(keeps inventory of shelter beds)

National DV Hotline: Can help by text when talking isn't safe - Text LOVEIS to 22522

If you need a protection court order you can still get one even though the courts are temporarily closed. Call your local police, an advocate, or a hotline to find out how.

Think about your support system and who you trust. Talk with that person about how they could help if you need to get out quickly and come up with a code word you can use to let them know you need help. Keep your phone charged. Consider contacting a domestic violence advocate to plan for safety or see <https://www.thehotline.org/help/path-to-safety/>.

Depending on their age, talk to your chil-



dren about your concerns and make a plan for where they should go and who they should call in an emergency.

Please know that it is not your fault, you are not alone, and confidential help is available!

Thank you, Jennie Raiche, Peggy Baxter, Paul Regan, Paula Kularski, Jacquie Jock, Erin Ballard, Suzanne Y. Lewandowski,

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TASK FORCE TALK

Domestic Violence During COVID-19: Our 5 Point Plan

By Monica Moran, Mary Kociela and JAC Patrissi
Guest columnists

For some, home is not a refuge, and sheltering in place provides no shelter. Social distancing is increasing danger for many who experience domestic and sexual violence in their relationships. Emergency housing is harder to find. Advocates can only work with survivors by phone. Perpetrators are not meeting with probation officers in person. More than ever, addressing domestic and sexual violence depends on all of us. We have a five-point plan. It starts where we think all our efforts should start – by asking people who are abusive to stop abusing.

One: Don't mistreat or abuse your partner. If you are tempted to intimidate or hurt your partner, step away from the scene and do something to calm down that won't put anyone in danger. Then, examine your thinking. The stress of COVID-19 does not cause you to abuse your partner. Beliefs and values cause abuse. Safe and healthy relationships rely on the belief that you do not have the right to mistreat your partner when you are angry or stressed out. Take care of yourself, challenge your beliefs, and, above all, be a safe person. If you need help to do this call Proteus at 413-579-7570 or contact the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 800-799-7233 or www.thehotline.org.

Two: If you have a strong relationship with someone who is inclined to mistreat or abuse their partner, reach out to them. Ask them how they are doing and be real with them if they talk about their partner in a way that worries you. Challenge them if they say things like 'They had it coming,' or 'What did they expect?' or 'Who do they think they are?' It is important they know that you care about them and that you do not agree with their thinking or behavior. Coach them on what to do if they think they might hurt their partner, and offer to have them call you if

they need help. Tell them about the resources above. Remind them that being a safe partner is the foundation of a healthy family life.

Three: If you think your partner might hurt you, make a plan for how to stay as safe as possible. Keep your phone charged in case you need to call 911 or reach a friend quickly. If you live somewhere rural, test out where on your property you have reception in case you have to run outside. Tell someone you trust you are worried, and come up with a safe code word or phrase you can use to let them know you need help. Be aware of the safest room in the home (not the kitchen where there are knives) and where there is an easy exit. Have important papers, medications, keys, money and other important items. at the ready. Have the number to a local domestic violence services/hotline at the ready. (BHN advocate 413-579-2924 (not 24/7 but local), Womanshelter/Companeras 877-536-1628 (24/7), YWCA 800-796-8711 (24/7), Safe Link 877-785-2020 (24/7) or if you can only text or chat text LOVEIS to 2252 or contact www.thehotline.org. If you have kids, think through how you want to handle it depending on their age. What should they do if something happens? Who can they call? Is it safe to talk to them about emergency plans?

Four: If you know someone who is at risk of being hurt, reach out with support and help. Tell them you are worried, but don't push. Listen, be supportive, and don't judge. You'll want them to feel like calling you back. Remind them of their strengths and what you love about them. If they tell you about being mistreated, assaulted or abused, remind them it is not their fault. Don't trash talk their partner, but do talk to them about staying safe, and offer to help them plan for safety. Think of what they might need and think about what help you can offer. Can you read to their kids over Facetime every day at 7 p.m. to give them a scheduled break? Can you drop off groceries or supplies or gift cards? Can you offer money through a cash app? Can you be part of their safety plan? Make

sure they know about the services listed above.

Five: If you hear people talk about how the stress and isolation of COVID-19 is causing more domestic and sexual violence, use the opportunity to gently introduce and discuss the real cause of abuse. It makes sense that caring people might think stress could make someone abusive. And if someone is already abusive, stress might intensify their abuse. But stress does not cause abuse. Many kind people endure extreme stress and never hurt anyone. Abuse is caused by what author JAC Patrissi calls abusive values. Consciously or unconsciously, people who are abusive believe they are superior to their partner, and believe that if their partner challenges them or makes them uncomfortable, they have the right to harm their partner. They believe they are not accountable to their partner, that their partner should be grateful for whatever they get, and that their partner's opinions and perspectives don't matter as much as their own. Reducing stress alone will never end domestic violence. To do that, we need to do something bigger – we need to change the underlying values that cause abuse. We can value safety instead. We can value each other as equals.

Like so many, we are deeply worried about domestic violence during COVID-19. But in our good moments, we are also hopeful that we will come out of this better equipped to end domestic violence the only way it will every really end – with all of us involved.

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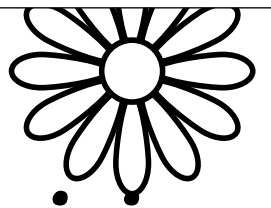
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A break from the screen



horoscopes

Pisces, take some time this week to be alone and seek inner peace. During these times of contemplation you can focus on future plans.

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Guess Who?

I am a singer born in Utah on April 12, 1987. In school I was bullied for being hyperactive, but don't panic. Later that trait would suit my career as a lead singer of a pop rock band that is highly successful today.

Answer: Brandon Urie

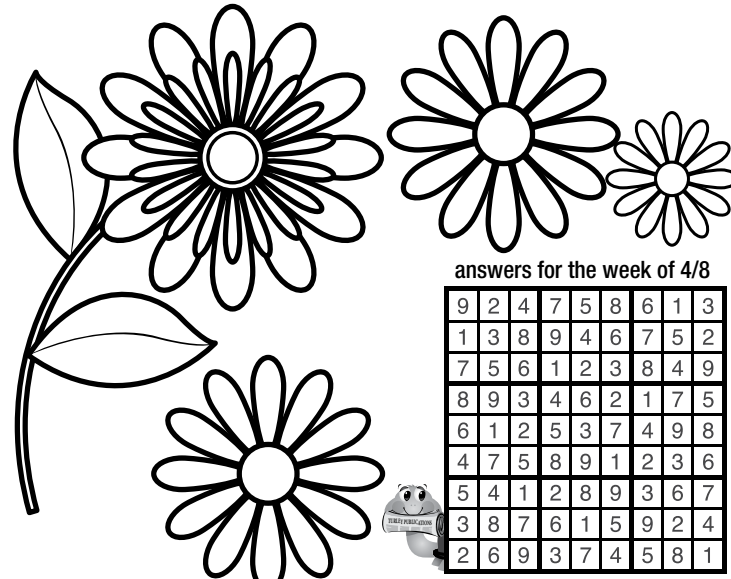
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Best friends Jean Lubelczyk and Kathleen O'Shea, of Gilbertville, after their first day of delivering freshly baked goods.

Friends bake bread for those in need

By Jonah Snowden
Staff writer

GILBERTVILLE – In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, best friends Kathleen O'Shea and Jean Lubelczyk are working together to provide bread, dinner rolls, bagels, cinnamon/raisin bread, and ready-to-bake pizza dough to people in need across Western Massachusetts.

The two friends are usually adventurous and were tired of being trapped inside. O'Shea said they began to work together after Lubelczyk texted her and asked to make some bread with her.

After their first try they decided to keep baking and bought 50 pounds of flour, as well as a bunch of other ingredients, and decided to start donating their baked goods to others in need during the pandemic. After a post was sent to a couple of groups on Facebook, they quickly learned that there was a high demand for freshly baked bread products.

O'Shea said that doing this makes them feel good, and like they are doing "God's work." "I think that we were meant to do this," said O'Shea.

O'Shea said she's received positive messages from people, even those who have not ordered any baked goods, who have told her that she and Lubelczyk are restoring their faith in humanity and it makes her feel that the "countless hours of baking are 100 percent worth it."

Usually, the two work from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and deliver from 4 to 6 p.m. During the first week April, they were planning to donate to 45 people and were booked until Easter. O'Shea said that they have been delivering to different areas across Western Massachusetts, including Ware, Wales, Brimfield, Palmer, Monson and Springfield. To safely follow the social distancing procedures, O'Shea said that they usually bring their baked goods to the person's door and leave it there, while contacting the people they deliver to beforehand.

O'Shea also said that they have not been alone in this and have been receiving generous donations from others. Without help, they would not be able to accomplish their deliveries without, especially upon realizing they needed more ingredients, including 200 pounds of flour and 40 dozen eggs.

They have received donations such as eggs, flour, yeast, and more from residents in surrounding towns such as Ware, and even from a resident in Florida. Jocelyn Marie from West Springfield donated 60 packets of yeast; Mary Oulette from Florida donated six pounds of flour; and John Morrin from Ware made a financial contribution.

Although they began doing this to help people through the coronavirus pandemic, both O'Shea and Lubelczyk decided that they will continue to offer their services for a couple of years.



Gilbertville residents and best friends Kathleen O'Shea and Jean Lubelczyk are currently baking white bread, dinner rolls, bagels, cinnamon/raisin bread, and ready-to-bake pizza dough to people in need.

When reflecting on all the work that they've done, Lubelczyk said that they are having a great time baking and enjoy helping other people, and this opportunity is the best thing that could have happened to them.

To inquire about ordering baked goods, call Lubelczyk's home phone at 413-477-6071.

State releases income tax guidance

BOSTON – The Baker-Polito administration released guidance regarding the extension of the 2019 state individual income tax filing and payment deadline from April 15 to July 15 due to the COVID-19 outbreak, and announced that the Department of Revenue (DOR) will waive any late-file and late-pay penalties for corporate excise returns and payments due April 15 that are filed and paid by July 15.

This guidance, publicized in the form of a Technical Information Release (TIR) from DOR, clarifies that the extension for personal income taxpayers applies to 2019 returns and payments as well as the first installment of estimated tax due April 15. The second installment of

estimated tax due June 15 will also now be due July 15.

The extension of the personal income tax return deadline is being implemented pursuant to legislation and applies to personal income tax, estate and trust income tax, and income tax due with a partnership composite return with an April 15 due date. It also applies to an April 2020 tax installment owed by a personal income taxpayer with respect to deemed repatriated income. Taxpayers that have previously filed their 2019 returns but have not yet made the associated payments have until July 15 to make such payments.

Additionally, DOR will waive late-file and late-pay penalties for corporate excise (including finan-

cial institution and insurance premiums excise) returns and payments until July 15. The waiver of penalties applies to corporate excise returns and payments with an original due date of April 15, including those of certain S corporations and non-profits that file on a fiscal-year basis and have tax returns and payments due April 15.

This income tax relief is automatic, and taxpayers do not need to file any additional forms to qualify.

Individuals and companies with questions or concerns regarding taxes can contact the Massachusetts Department of Revenue at 617-887-6367 or send a secure e-message through MassTaxConnect.

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old emergency room.

Bradley said if patients believe they have COVID-19 symptoms, they should first call their primary care provider, and they should not just head to the emergency room. She said doctors would send patients they believed might have COVID-19 to testing sites.

Baystate has also been able to make sure all employees who need them have personal protective equipment for the last five weeks. "We have not run out, but there is always the fear that we might," she said.

Bradley said employees have been modeling how to properly put on and remove the equipment because studies have shown that modeling helps others to do the same.

Baystate Health had been redeploying employees from outpatient health visits and elective surgery visits, most of which have been canceled, to places where they are needed, she said, and this week Baystate started implementing tele-medicine for behavioral health visits.

Starting this past Wednesday, April 15, all Baystate employees will have their temperatures taken before being allowed to work. She said Baystate has also encouraged those not feeling well to stay home.

She said Baystate is still seeing some patients who use Suboxone, which is used to treat opioid addiction.

Bradley acknowledged people want to give homemade masks and food to hospital workers, but unless the masks meet certain standards, they can't be accepted. Homemade food could not be accepted either, but she acknowledged how grateful Baystate and its workers were for the area's generosity.

QHSUA had received a \$20,000 grant for in-person recovery training and a conference around recovery, and Bradley said she hoped the deadline for the grant to be used could be extended since neither could be arranged during the COVID-19 crisis.

DART

Belchertown Police Sgt. Neil Lozier, who is also a Drug Addiction Response Team member, said the DART team is still trying offering outreach "from a distance" to those who have had a drug overdose, contacting them by phone or online. He also said general substance use appears to be up as is domestic violence calls.

Ware Police Officer John Cacela sent his notes in with Michelle Farry, of Hampshire Hope, which oversees the regional DART team. He said numbers of drug overdoses had risen and its clear people are under stress. He said the biggest needs he sees in working with addicts are a lack of access to NARCAN, which temporarily blocks opioid overdoses, and way

to get clean needles.

Palmer, Wilbraham and Ludlow police departments have all recently become part of the DART program, Farry said.

DART members reach out to those who overdose on drugs and try to help them access recovery services.

Recovery center

Work continues to creating the Ware Regional Recovery Center in Ware, which will start a campaign soon to make it a reality.

This week members of the group was scheduled to start an online recovery meeting through Zoom, the teleconferencing application, on Tuesday, April 14, at 3 p.m. Those who are interested can find the Ware Regional Recovery Center on Facebook, which will have details about the online meeting.

Those who would like more information about the Recovery Center can contact Abaigeal Duda at WareRRC@gmail.com.

Other services

Members discussed how to serve people, whether they're senior citizens or those fighting addiction during the COVID-19 situation.

Ware Council on Aging Executive Director John Zienowicz said the COA was still serving lunch for those who could drive to the Senior Center, where it was being handed to each car as it drove up. The Center's vans were not in service because both of its drivers are elderly with underlying issues and cannot be put in harm's way.

He said the mobile food pantry, which usually brings food to one of the apartment complexes in Ware, which will be switched to Greenville Park on April 21 so those picking up food can just drive up and get a bag of food. Those on foot can do so as well while keeping the six-feet necessary for social distancing.

He said the Quabog Valley Community Development Corp. has a program where seniors from Hardwick, Warren and Ware can call in and get CORI-checked staffers to pick up groceries, prescriptions and do other errands for them at no cost.

It was discussed whether it might be possible to expand the program with Community Development Block Grant funds for COVID-19 programs. Ware Planning and Community Development Director Rebekah DeCoursey said it might be possible and possibly the money could also be used to buy additional minutes on existing cell phones or provide cell phones to senior citizens who needed them.



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CLUES ACROSS

1. Germanic mythological god

4. Cash machine

7. Improvement

12. What voters want

15. Sheepish

16. Placed at powerful level

18. Measure of illumination

19. Trent Reznor's band

20. Commercial

21. Amounts of time

24. English broadcaster

27. Rolls of tobacco

30. Position

31. Expresses pleasure

33. Corporate exec (abbr.)

34. Body part

35. Bleated

37. Businessman

39. Beats per minute

41. Defunct Italian

42. Broken branch

44. Put in advance

47. Arrest

48. Prefix indicating adjacent to

49. Artificial intelligence

50. Disfigure

52. The Fighting Irish (abbr.)

53. Not in any place

56. Predict

61. A system of getting stuff from one place to another

63. Philosophy of the principles of things

64. US gov't office (abbr.)

65. Seaborgium's former name (abbr.)

CLUES DOWN

1. Network connector

2. Primordial matter

3. Get up

4. Uncoordinated

5. Ill-fated cruise ship

6. Work hard

7. Drivers' speed

8. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)

9. Healthcare pro

10. Egyptian Sun god

11. Expresses the negative

12. Some are three-legged

13. Clothing manufacturer

14. Close by

17. Tooth caregiver

22. Housing material

23. Flows through

24. Founder of Babism

25. Honorific title

26. A type of letter

28. Seize and hold firmly

29. Artery

32. Body fluids

36. Press against lightly

38. An island in the Pacific

40. A reminder of past events

43. Austrian spa town

44. Peter's last name

45. Something a mob might do

46. Of the bones of the feet

51. "Amazing Stories" writer

54. Nazi-resistant youth group (abbr.)

55. Used to have (Scottish)

56. A way to cook

57. Japanese port city

58. Type of precipitation

59. Engrave

60. Female sibling

62. Expresses emotion

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Minor League play remains closed through end of April

SPRINGFIELD – The American Hockey League has advised its clubs that the indefinite suspension of AHL play will not be lifted before May.

The League is recommending that teams facilitate the return of AHL players to their primary residences.

It is still up in the air if most professional sports will resume seasons or even play at all in the case of Major League Baseball. The National Hockey League, and its minor league affiliates in the American Hockey League were nearing the end of their regular season and the Stanley Cup Playoffs would have begun earlier this week. Similarly, the American Hockey League would have started the Calder Cup Playoffs.

Springfield was not a part of the playoff picture last year, but was in contention for a playoff spot before play was stopped in the middle of last month.

Springfield's play was dipping a bit, but the Thunderbirds were just a few games out of contention in the Atlantic Division. Springfield is 31-27 this year with three overtime losses (good for one point), and no shootout losses this season. That's a 65-point season for Springfield, though it trails fourth place Hartford by eight points.

There has been no word on when play could resume. The most recent word from the AHL advising players to stay in their homes came on March 16. It's also unclear the AHL would play out its regular season and then the playoffs, or go straight to the playoffs. The same scenarios are being weighed by the NHL and NBA.

First Monadnock event set for May 9

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Due to the coronavirus outbreak and based on the orders by New Hampshire state officials, the Tri-Track Open Modified Series and NHSTRA events at Monadnock Speedway are postponed through at least May 4. According to the speedway's website, the offices are also closed until at least May 4, but staff of the office are checking email and messages every day. Currently, the season is set to open on Saturday, May 9 with a full slate of events, including: 100-lap Tri Track Modified Series, NHSTRA modifieds, late model sportsman, street stocks, mini-stocks, pure stocks and young guns. It is unknown whether speedway events will be open to the public when they resume.

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Paul Thompson, a member of the 2019-2020 Springfield Thunderbird was recently named IOA/American Specialty AHL Man of the Year.

Paul Thompson named Specialty Man of the Year for Thunderbirds

SPRINGFIELD - The Springfield Thunderbirds are proud to announce that Paul Thompson has been named the team's winner of the IOA/American Specialty AHL Man of the Year award for his outstanding contributions to the Springfield community during the 2019-20 season.

In his third season as a Thunderbird and his second as team captain, the New England native has continued to show his commitment to the community beyond the ice surface.

Before the 2019-20 season began, Thompson was a regular sight at a number of off-season functions, including the Thunderbirds' Street Hockey Tournament, which was born following the untimely passing of a young local hockey player, Alex Blais, two summers ago. Thompson also gave back to the youth hockey community of Western Mass., starting and running the Paul Thompson Hockey Camp out of MassConn United for beginning hockey players.

In the month of November, in advance of the club's second annual Hockey Fights Cancer Night,



Paul Thompson, Springfield

Thompson lent his hand to share a deeply personal story to aid a cause near and dear to his family – his cousin Angela's cancer battle and #AngelasArmy initiative. Angela's Army makes "care packages" for patients undergoing cancer treatment, and was born out of Angela's desire to assist other patients, providing comfort to them even as she was going through her own battle.

In addition to participating in a number of team events, one that shined through the most was during the holiday season. Along with teammates Ethan Prow, Rob O'Gara and Tommy Cross, Thompson led a selfless journey to brighten the lives of a mother and two young children who suddenly had to endure the passing of their father just weeks before the Christmas holiday. The captain and his teammates spent hundreds of dollars on toys and essential items to make the family feel special during their most trying time. The story was documented by Western Mass News and can be seen here:

Thompson is now one of 31 finalists for the AHL's 2019-20 Yanick Dupre Memorial Award, honoring the overall IOA/American Specialty AHL Man of the Year. The league award is named after the former Hershey Bears forward and AHL All-Star who died in 1997 following a 16-month battle with leukemia. The winner of the Yanick Dupre Memorial Award will be announced by the American Hockey League at a later date.

Athlete gives back during virus pandemic

WESTFIELD – With the NCAA spring sports seasons KO'd by the COVID-19 pandemic, Westfield State junior softball outfielder Sarah Meunier (Deerfield, Mass./Frontier) has repurposed her time in a positive way – making cloth facemasks for family, friends and others who wish to wear them to help prevent the spread of the virus.

"The masks I am making are not N-95 masks, which are preferred by healthcare workers," said Meunier. "N-95 masks can't be made at home, but the ones I am making are a good alternative when the N-95 masks are not available."

The CDC recently released recommendations on their website that the "CDC recommends wearing cloth face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain (e.g., grocery stores and pharmacies) especially in areas of significant community-based transmission."

Majoring in movement science with a health science double-major, Meunier plans to attend a physician's assistant program after completing her undergraduate degree.

"My grandmother volunteers at the hospital, that's probably how it started," said Meunier of her interest in the healthcare field.

"I'm taking 'Medical Ethics' as

a class right now with professor Sladyk, and we all needed to come up with projects that we could do ourselves, and I asked her about the masks and she approved of it," said Meunier.

"I'm really re-learning to sew again in the process. I used to do it more when I was younger. The first few masks took a few tries. I had worked on some comfort quilts with my grandmother in the past."

"I don't really have a goal on how many I'll make," said Meunier, who said she's probably made 100 so far, and is now starting to make smaller sizes for children.

"We had a team Zoom meeting, and she was cutting out fabric while we talked," said Westfield State softball coach Colleen Bannister. "It's just another way she can give of herself," noting that Meunier gave several of the masks to Bannister for her elderly parents to use.

"Sarah loves community service and understands that it feels good to give. Anything that our team does with community service, she's in giving 100 percent," said Bannister.

Meunier volunteers at Baystate Franklin Hospital when she is at home in Deerfield, Mass., and at Baystate Noble Hospital in Westfield while she's at school. She's filled a variety of roles at the

two hospitals, but said her favorite is that of 'baby cuddler' at Franklin, helping monitor some of the newborn babies.

While Westfield State has moved all classes to on-line and alternative delivery for the spring, Meunier said she is handling the break from campus, and the social distancing directives well. "It's good. I'm very schedule oriented, I manage my time pretty well, and take pride in doing that. The time that I'm not spending studying I'm using to make masks, work out and practice."

"She loves making things happen behind the scenes," said Bannister. "She really inspired more teammates to work out before preseason so that the team came into the year in better shape this year."

As a softball player, "Sarah just kept working and working, and her swing was so natural, we had to find a place in the field for her to play," said Bannister. We knew she wasn't going to be a shortstop for us, but we needed to reward her hard work with playing time, and she really worked at playing left field."

Meunier hit .333 with two home runs, five doubles, and 18 RBI as a sophomore in 2019. She stood out in conference play where she

PVIAC preparing for possible spring season

By Gregory A. Scibelli

REGION – With the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association's Board of Directors and the Tournament Management Committee highly engaged in remote meetings on a weekly basis trying to make decisions on the spring season, another body is getting ready to go just in case.

In the springtime, many athletic directors are making their schedules for the fall season, as high school sports usually finalize schedules a season in advance.

But there has been a lot of working going on the past couple of weeks to establish a new schedule for the springtime.

This schedule would focus on using the modified timeline and try to fit in a 12-game regular season between May 4 and June 12.

The schedule would allow teams to play between two and three contests per week in most team sports. This includes: baseball, softball, boys lacrosse, girls lacrosse, boys tennis, girls tennis, and boys volleyball.

Agawam High School Athletic Director David Stratton, a member of the Pioneer Valley Interscholastic Athletic Association's Executive Board, said there was recently a meeting of the membership to discuss the spring season.

"It was a really good meeting," said Stratton. "We had it remotely with about 40 athletic directors attending."

Stratton said the main point of the meeting with the PVIAC's desire to give student-athletes a spring season, in some modified form.

He did not say if fans would

be allowed at games, as of now, but said if school does resume, a 12-game maximum regular season would be the goal of the PVIAC.

"We want to give these kids a season if we can," said Stratton. "So the athletic directors have begun creating schedules, which have gone to the league and individual sport schedulers to be finalized."

At this point, however, it could be all for nothing. Despite that, the athletic directors want to be ready in the event they are allowed to hold sports.

"Right now, we really don't know," said Stratton. "This entire exercise (making a modified schedule) could be a futile exercise."

Stratton said under the current format the MIAA has agreed to, spring sports could open up on May 4 for practices with contests able to start on May 11. There would be five weeks of a regular season, down from the usual eight-week regular campaign.

The MIAA and the TMC have also agreed there is not enough time in the contract school year to hold a state tournament, so the sectional tournaments will be the only ones held if the season is able to start.

Gov. Charlie Baker has mandated schools remain close until May 4. The commonwealth is currently in a time period being coined as a "surge" for coronavirus cases, though there have been national signs the social distancing and stay-at-home advisories are being effective. The TMC was scheduled to meet this week to continue discussions about how a tournament held in late June will look, but may not have the ability to make any new decisions until the state government issues updated guidance on school events.



WE WANT TO GIVE THESE KIDS A SEASON IF WE CAN."

DAVID STRATTON
AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL
ATHLETIC DIRECTOR

Valley Wheel Baseball looking for new players

REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League is seeking new players for the upcoming 2020 season. The league is seeking players ages 28 and up. Players turning 28 this year are eligible. However, only players 30 and older can pitch. The league plays 15 regular season games with games being held mostly on Sundays with a couple of weekday games thrown in the mix as well as a special Mother's Day Saturday game in early May. However, due to the current circumstances, the league schedule has been pushed back. The league still plans to play its season once bans on gatherings are lifted. The league is built on comradery, fair play, and having a good time with friends. If interested in trying out, go to www.valley-wheelbaseball.com. The rules of the league and new player forms can be found on the site. For further information, you can contact the league's commissioner, Jim Nason at wheel12@comcast.net or call him at (413) 433-4308.

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Victory as Scouts stop to enjoy their hike on “The Bugle” in Gilbertville, one of several hikes the troop took in 2019.

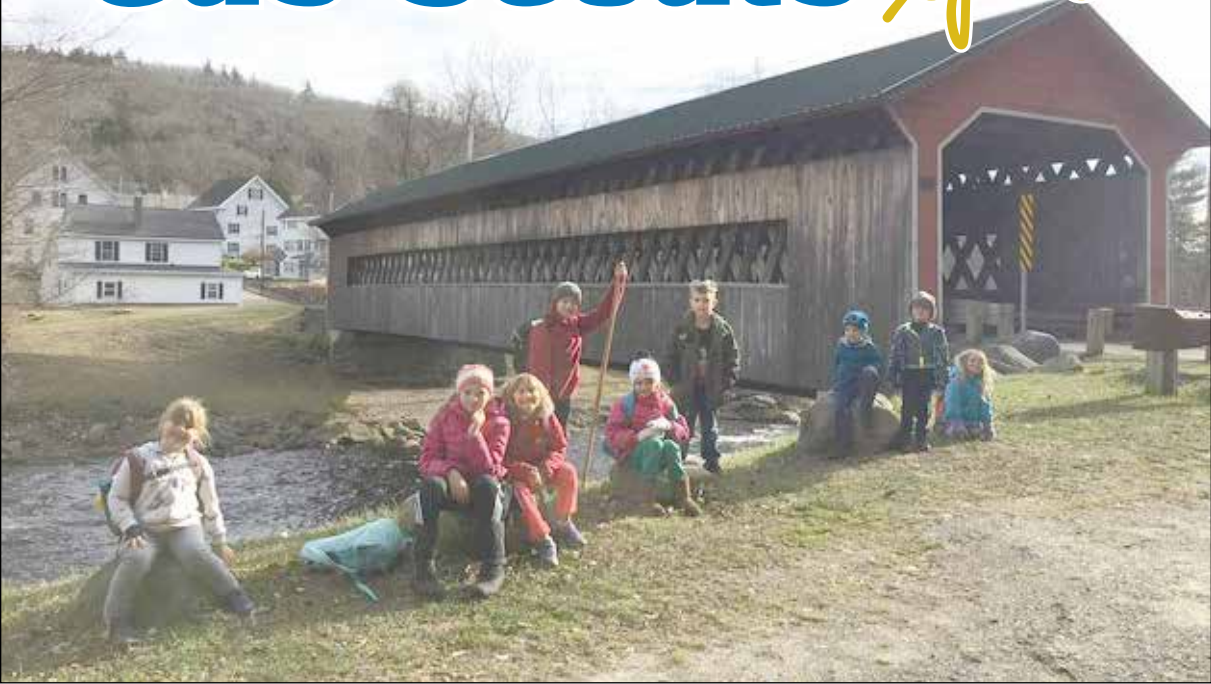


Members of Ware Family Pack 520 stop for a group photo with Cubmaster Chris Boos at the back as they explored Cooks Canyon in Barre.



Ware Family Pack 520 Scouts make soup on top of “The Bugle” in Gilbertville in November.

Cub Scouts explore heritage landscapes



Ware Family Pack 520 Scouts ready to start off on their hike to “The Bugle” in Gilbertville. Here they are near the covered bridge, which goes from Ware to Gilbertville, and they are near the path to “The Bugle” on the Ware side.



Ware Family Pack 520 Scouts try out transporting one of their own at Cook’s Canyon Wildlife Refuge in Barre.



Ware Family Pack 520 Cubmaster Chris Boos directs Scouts practice moving a Scout with a sling between two poles. After all, Scouts must always be prepared.

By Paula Ouimette
Staff writer

WARE — Ware Family Pack 520 has been putting the “outing in Scouting,” by participating in monthly pack hikes. The focus for their 2019-2020 Scouting year has been exploring heritage landscapes — places that are created by human interaction with the environment that help to define the community and reflect its past. Being an active part of the Mill Town District of the Heart of New England Council, Pack 520 has been hiking through areas of past industry that have made Ware and surrounding towns what they are today.

Their first hike last fall was to the accessible trail maintained by East Quabbin Land Trust on Upper Church Street. The trail utilizes old railroad beds, as part of the Mass Central Rail Trail. The scouts had to “be prepared” as the New England weather was not on their side, with heavy rainfall at times. Despite the weather conditions, the pack identified different types of trees with the help of Cubmaster Chris Boos, who is also an Eagle Scout.

The pack decided to challenge themselves for their November hike by climbing a 500-foot gain to the top of Gilbertville’s popular hiking spot, the Bugle. The Bugle is the peak of the Dougal Range, spanning between Hardwick and Ware. Legend has it that the Bugle got its name from when the mills were active and a bugler was sent to the peak to alert the workers to return to work. The trail can be accessed just over the Covered Bridge, on the Ware side.

While at the top, the Scouts prepared soup for lunch on a backpack stove, and watched red-tailed hawks and turkey vultures fly over the Ware River. The Scouts heard the sounds of a woodpecker, as well as various other birds. In the



Ware Family Pack 520 Scouts walked to “The Bugle” from Gilbertville, going near one of the town’s mills, which are no longer active. Legend has it that “The Bugle” got its name from when the mills were active and a bugler was sent to the peak to alert the workers to return to work.

spring and summer, this area is rich with a variety of fauna and flora. Beautiful flowers such as trillium and sometimes an occasional lady slipper or two, can be found along the single-track trail. Wild blueberries grow abundantly near the top of the range, but very few berries remain after the birds have had their fill.

In December of 2019, the pack traveled to Mass Audubon’s Cook’s Canyon Wildlife Sanctuary in Barre, a town known for being the home of Chas G. Allen Inc. and the former Barre Wool Combing Co. The Cooks Canyon property used to house Camp Wildwood, a wilderness camp that was enjoyed by many children through the 1950 to 70s.

They observed old foundations and staircases, where buildings used to stand. Guesses were made as to the location of the old in-ground swimming pool, long since filled in.

The arrival of the New Year brought the pack

back to Hardwick to explore East Quabbin Land Trust’s Mandell Hill on Barre Road, near the intersection of Ridge Road. Still used as grazing land for cattle, this property is filled with stone structures, foundations and walls from its former days as a farm. On a clear day, Wachusett Mountain can be viewed from the top of the birding platform. The loop trail takes you along the stonewalls that surround the fields, and through the woods. The trail is lined with signs pointing the way made out of tile mosaics. One large, mostly hollow tree even boasts a “tree harp” - harp strings that can be played by anyone desiring to.

Due to the coronavirus pandemic, the Pack has suspended all group hikes until further notice. Individuals scouts and their families have been experiencing the outdoors on their own and sharing their adventures with their dens during Zoom meetings. For more information about Ware Family Pack 520, or to join, people may contact Cubmaster Chris Boos at 413-345-0448 or lotecredneck3.3@gmail.com. Boys and girls in grades kindergarten through fifth grade are welcome to join.

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Scouts from Ware Family Pack 520 survey Gilbertville from “The Bugle” during a hike in November.

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Ware Police Log

Monday, April 6
1:11 a.m. Fire, Report West Main Street – Investigation Pending
6:54 a.m. Harassment Complaint East Street – Services Rendered
8:18 a.m. Alarm Panic Maple Street – Services Rendered
8:21 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Berkshire Drive – Services Rendered
10:25 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Main Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
10:36 a.m. Suspicious Activity/Person Pulaski Street – Investigation Pending
11:27 a.m. Harassment Complaint Kelly Road – Services Rendered
1:27 p.m. Fire, Report Old Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
2:50 p.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Services Rendered
3:08 p.m. Larceny, Theft Report West Street – Services Rendered
3:28 p.m. Alarm Burglar Robbins Road – Services Rendered
5:15 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Main Street – Services Rendered
6:48 p.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Referred to Other Agency

Tuesday, April 7
12:05 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Services Rendered
5:31 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered
9:17 a.m. Ambulance Request South Street – Services Rendered
9:22 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report Shady Path – Services Rendered
11:02 a.m. Ambulance Request Longview Avenue – Services Rendered
11:51 a.m. Ambulance Request Belchertown Road – Services Rendered
12:30 p.m. Accident, Vehicle School Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
3:35 p.m. Harassment Complaint Prospect Street – Services Rendered
6:39 p.m. Ambulance Request Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
7:44 p.m. Fire, Report North Street – Services Rendered

Wednesday, April 8
4:35 a.m. Alarm Burglar West Street – Investigation Pending
6:35 a.m. Harassment Complaint Prospect Street – Services Rendered
7:13 a.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – No Police Service Necessary
10:36 a.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Cummings Road – Services Rendered
10:39 a.m. Harassment Complaint Palmer Road – Services Rendered
11:19 a.m. Harassment Complaint North Street – Services Rendered
5:04 p.m. Trespassing Complaint Palmer Road – Services Rendered
5:26 p.m. Assault School Street

– Criminal Complaint Issued
6:39 p.m. Trash Dumping Complaint East Street – Unfounded Complaint
9:21 p.m. Threat Report Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
9:37 p.m. Abandoned, 911 Call Church Street – Services Rendered

Thursday, April 9
12:26 a.m. Disturbance Greenwich Road – Services Rendered
1:50 a.m. Disturbance School Street – Criminal Complaint Issued
5:26 a.m. Ambulance Request Babcock Tavern Road – Services Rendered
8 a.m. Accident, Vehicle West Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
10:45 a.m. Ambulance Request William Street – Services Rendered
10:55 a.m. Harassment Complaint Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
11:18 a.m. Ambulance Request Old Gilbertville Road – Services Rendered
12:15 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered
1:32 p.m. Ambulance Request Valley View – Services Rendered
2:21 p.m. Disorderly Conduct Aspen Street – Advised Contact Police If Repeated
10:30 p.m. Threat Reports Otis Avenue – Services Rendered

Friday, April 10
1:54 a.m. Ambulance Request Highland Village – Referred to Other Agency
3:30 a.m. Suspicious Activity/Person Pulaski Street – Area Searched Negative Find
8:13 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Written Warning
9:20 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call Palmer Road – Services Rendered
9:45 a.m. Motor Vehicle Violation West Warren Road – Written Warning
10:29 a.m. Harassment Complaint School Street – Services Rendered
11:42 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Church Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
11:43 a.m. Ambulance Request Otis Avenue – Services Rendered
2:46 p.m. Accident (Hit and Run) Palmer Road – Services Rendered
3:02 p.m. Alarm Burglar Main Street – Services Rendered
4:27 p.m. Accident, Vehicle Main Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000

Saturday, April 11
12:27 a.m. Ambulance Request Church Street – Services Rendered
12:27 a.m. Abandoned 911 Call Church Street – Services Rendered
2:02 a.m. Ambulance Request Palmer Road – Services Rendered
2:15 a.m. Suspicious Activity/Person Palmer Road – Services Rendered
1:16 p.m. Accident, Vehicle

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Palmer Road – Services Rendered
3:10 p.m. Trespassing Complaint Pulaski Street – Services Rendered
6:15 p.m. Disturbance Park Street – Investigated, Report Filed
7:04 p.m. Drug/Narcotics Violation South Street – Investigation Pending
9:08 p.m. Abandoned 911 Call West Main Street – Services Rendered
10:20 p.m. Ambulance Request Second Avenue – Referred to Other Agency
10:46 p.m. Disorderly Conduct West Street – Area Searched Negative Find
11:22 p.m. Alarm Burglar Belchertown Road – Services Rendered

Sunday, April 12
8:52 a.m. Larceny, Theft Report Vernon Street – Investigated, Report Filed
5:13 p.m. Harassment Complaint Kelly Road – Services Rendered
6:25 p.m. Vandalism Church Street – Services Rendered
7:44 p.m. Ambulance Request Warebrook Drive – Referred to Other Agency
7:53 p.m. Ambulance Request Vigeant Street – Referred to Other Agency
8:30 p.m. Missing Person Upper North Street- Services Rendered
9:53 p.m. Ambulance Request High Street – Referred to Other Agency
11:16 p.m. Ambulance Request High Street – Referred to Other Agency
7:22 p.m. Suspicious Activity/Person West Street – Arrest, Misdemeanor Charge
Arrest: Justin R. Hawkins, 35, Ware
OUI-Liquor or .08%; Negligent Operation of Motor Vehicle

Monday, April 13
6:09 a.m. Silent 911 Call North Street – Services Rendered
8:20 a.m. Accident, Vehicle Church Street – Motor Vehicle Accident Over \$1,000
12:40 p.m. Disturbance Ross Avenue – Services Rendered
12:55 p.m. Ambulance Request High Street – Services Rendered

Joseph Grigas

NEW BRAINTREE – Joseph Grigas, age 61, passed away on Easter Sunday, April 12, 2020, at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield. Joseph was born in Ware on Jan. 29, 1959, son of the late Benedict and Aldona (Jogis) Grigas, and was raised, educated and was a lifelong resident of New Braintree.

He was employed as an electrical technician for the Dienes Corporation of Spencer. Joseph will be lovingly remembered and sorely missed by all those who knew and loved him. Joseph leaves behind his beloved wife of 21 years, Kathleen (Sieron) Grigas, of New Braintree, his brother, Stanley Grigas, and his wife, Cathy, of New Braintree, and his sister, Ann-Marie Craven, also of New Braintree. He also leaves behind his nieces: Melissa Luukko, of Barre, and Emily Grigas, of Spencer, and nephew, Matthew Grigas, of New Braintree.

Memorial services will be held

Death notices

Gringas, Joseph
Died April 12, 2020
Memorial services at family's convenience
Cebula Funeral Home
Ware

Pluta, Helen
Died April 7, 2020
Memorial Mass at family's convenience
St. John's Church
Clinton

Root, Kenneth R.
Died April 9, 2020
Funeral Services will be private
Beers & Story Funeral Home
Palmer-Belchertown-South Hadley

at the convenience of the family. Cremation took place in Springfield Cemetery and Crematory in Springfield. For more information and guest book, please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com. Cebula Funeral Home of Ware was entrusted with the final arrangements.

Helen (Burgoyne) Pluta

WEST BROOKFIELD – Helen (Burgoyne) Pluta passed away peacefully at home surrounded by her loving family after a battle with cancer.

Born and raised in Clinton, Helen was the daughter of Helen (Lizak) and Ralph Burgoyne, who both predeceased her. Helen graduated from Clinton High School in 1965 where she was voted Most Glamorous. She went on to graduate from Henri's Hair Dressing School in Fitchburg, and worked as a hair stylist for over 50 years.

Helen was a talented artist who worked in oils, acrylics and many other media. As a wife and mother, she was second to none! She was always taxiing her four children to sports, jobs, and events and making a beautiful home and hearty meals for her rambunctious family.

Helen leaves her devoted husband of 52 years, Richard, daughter, Marlene Adamsky, of Ware, son, Michael Pluta, of Barre, son and daughter-in-law, Andrew and Shannon Pluta, of Boylston, daughter and son-in-law, Anne and Brian Walsh, of Annapolis, Maryland, her sister, Marion Kulis, of Clinton, and brother, Thomas Burgoyne, of Brattleboro, Vermont. She was predeceased by her brother, Ralph Burgoyne, of Lancaster.

Helen's pride and joy are her beautiful grandchildren whom she spoiled rotten: Alex and Kerriann Adamsky, Drew and John Patrick (J.P.) Pluta, and Rowan and Charlie Walsh, all of whom will miss her

terribly and remember her with love. Helen was known as "Auntie Honey" to many of her adoring nieces and nephews, and was a beloved cousin and friend to many. The woman had a heart of gold and will never be forgotten.

A celebration of life and a memorial Mass at St. John's Church, Clinton, will be held at the family's convenience.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Helen B. Pluta to St. Jude's Children's Cancer Research Center (stjude.org/donate).

For more information and guest-book please visit www.cebulafuneralhome.com.



Kenneth Root

WARE – Kenneth R. Root, age 73, passed away suddenly at home on April 9, 2020, leaving behind the love of his life, his wife, Carol (Figuly). He was predeceased by his parents, Kathryn and Raymond Root, and his grandson, Derek Supczak. He leaves his children, Richard Root, and Sandra (Root) Perron, and her husband, John; his grandsons, Francis Supczak and Blake Root. In addition, he leaves behind his step-children, Roger Dubois and Michelle Barrett.

Ken was a life long resident

of Ware. He loved carpentry and could build anything. He was famous for his sense of humor. He had some classic one-liners that shocked so many of us, but that was him and we loved him for it. You never knew what was going to come out his mouth next. His true passion was motorcycling, it was a normal day for him to ride 300 miles for an ice cream cone. He was obsessed with life on the road, he and Carol traveled cross country on his motorcycle every year, taking in the sights and enjoying their life together, one



mile at a time. He was the true definition of a motorcycle enthusiast.

He proudly served his country in the military and raced motorcycles at Lebanon Valley Dragway, N.Y. He had many jobs throughout his lifetime before retiring after 13 years from Maple Leaf Industries in Palmer. After retirement, he could be seen delivering parts for Napa Auto in Ware. He will be forever missed by those who loved him. Ride with the angels, Ken.

Services for Kenneth will be private and at the convenience of the family. Beers & Story Funeral Home entrusted with Kenneth's care.

New Braintree Police Log

Monday, April 6
7:12 p.m. 911 – Animal Call West Brookfield Road – Removed Hazard

Tuesday, April 7
4:35 p.m. Initiated – Investigation Ware Road – Investigated

Wednesday, April 8
8:20 p.m. Phone – Assist Other Agency Hardwick Road – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Saturday, April 11
5:17 p.m. Phone – Complaint/Motor Vehicle Operations Dennis Whitney Road – Spoken To
5:27 p.m. 911 – Misdial Gilbertville Road – Spoken To
9:20 p.m. Phone – Complaint Bernard Whitney Road – Spoken To

Sunday, April 12
7:52 p.m. Phone – Fire Alarm Bernard Whitney Road – Services Rendered



Warren Police Log

Sunday, April 5
2:49 p.m. Trespassing Main Street – Investigated
3:17 p.m. Disturbance, Person(s) Main Street – Peace Restored
4:42 p.m. Recreational Vehicle Complaint Main Street – Arrest(s) Made
8:27 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Mechanic Street – Transported to Hospital

Monday, April 6
3:20 p.m. 911 Test Main Street – Services Rendered
9:27 p.m. Fraud Unknown – Officer Spoke to Party

Tuesday, April 7
12:09 p.m. Assault Bacon Street – Report Filed
12:53 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Spring Street – Referred to Other Agency
1:12 p.m. Safety Concern Main Street – Investigated
1:58 p.m. Citizen Assist South Street – Officer Took Call
3:43 p.m. Building/Property Check Main Street – Transported by Life Flight

Wednesday, April 8
11:38 a.m. Police Investigations Keys Road – Investigated
2:21 p.m. Follow-up Investigation Keys Road – Officer Advised
4:13 p.m. Neighbor Dispute Forest Avenue – Officer Spoke to

Party
6:47 p.m. Alarm, Commercial Main Street – Building Checked/Secured

Thursday, April 9
7:42 a.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Yankee Drummer Drive – Ambulance Signed Refusal
11:59 a.m. Officer Wanted Pine Street – Officer Spoke to Party

Friday, April 10
4:11 p.m. Fire, Medical Emergency Richardson Street – Transported to Hospital
4:22 p.m. Motor Vehicle Suspicious Old West Brookfield Road – Officer Spoke to Party

Saturday, April 11
7:05 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Bridge Street – Information Taken
7:43 a.m. 911 Hang-up/Misdial/Abandoned/Silent Southbridge Road – Confirmed Misdial
7:48 a.m. Notification Old West Brookfield Road – Officer Spoke to Party
11:53 a.m. Fire, Brush Brimfield Road – Fire Extinguished
12:58 p.m. Officer Wanted Main Street – Officer Spoke to Party
4:23 p.m. Motor Vehicle Stop South Street – Citation Issued
5:20 p.m. 911 Transfer Brimfield – Call Transferred
7:25 p.m. Scam Calls Cell Tower – Referred to Other Agency

Hardwick Police Log

Monday, April 6
9:49 a.m. 911 – Elevator Calls/Alarms Old Petersham Road – Dispatch Handled

2:25 p.m. Phone – Harassment North Street – Services Rendered
2:53 p.m. Phone – Disturbance Hardwick Road – Peace Restored
9:23 p.m. 911 – Complaint Church Lane – Spoken To
10:48 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Hardwick Road – Services Rendered

Tuesday, April 7
3:31 p.m. Initiated – Investigation High Street – Investigated

Wednesday, April 8
8:15 p.m. Phone – 911/Hang-up Call Broad Street – Taken/Referred to Other Agency

Thursday, April 9
7:15 a.m. Initiated – Suspicious Activity Petersham Road – Officer Handled

Friday, April 10
3:12 p.m. Phone – Complaint Barre Road – Could Not Locate

Saturday, April 11
4:11 p.m. Initiated – Motor Vehicle Stop Hardwick Road – Citation Issued

Sunday, April 12
1:57 p.m. Phone – Fire, Illegal Burn/Permit Barre Road – Extinguished
7:16 p.m. 911 – Medical Emergency Main Street – Transported to Hospital

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LOCATION: Hardwick/Ware Municipal Boundary to the Ware River
PROPOSER: East Quabbin Land Trust
The undersigned is submitting an Environmental Notification Form ("ENF") to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs on or before April 15, 2020.

This will initiate review of the above project pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act ("MEPA", M.G.L. c. 30, ss. 61-62I). Copies of the ENF may be obtained from:

LEC Environmental Consultants, Inc.
380 Lowell Street, Suite 101,
Wakefield, MA 01880
781-245-2500
Copies of the ENF are also being sent to the Conservation Commission and Planning Board of Ware where they may be inspected.

The Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs will publish notice of the ENF in the Environmental Monitor, will receive public comments on the project for 20 days, and will then decide, within ten days, if an Environmental Impact Report is needed. A site visit and consultation session on the project may also be scheduled. All persons wishing to comment on the project, or to be notified of a site visit or consultation session, should write to the Secretary of Energy & Environmental Affairs, 100 Cambridge St., Suite 900, Boston, Massachusetts 02114, Attention: MEPA Office, referencing the above project.

By East Quabbin Land Trust
4/16/2020

LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT TOWN OF WARREN MOORE AVENUE AND LOMBARD STREET INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT

The Town of Warren invites sealed Bids for the Moore Avenue and Lombard Street Infrastructure Improvements Project. The project includes installation of 1,310 linear feet of 8-inch DI water main, 1,170 linear feet of 12-inch HDPE storm drain piping and 17 drainage structures, removal and replacement of 2,530 square feet of sidewalk, installation of 520 linear feet of monolithic and 1,470 linear feet of bituminous curb and reclamation of 2,580 square yards of roadway. Alternate A includes milling and overlay of 1,930 square yards of roadway and Alternate B includes installation of 100 linear feet of sewer service. This project is being administered by the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission (PVPC) and funded by the Massachusetts Department of Housing and Community Development, FY2019 Warren Community Development Block Grant Program and Chapter 90. The Engineer's opinion of probable construction cost is \$745,000.

Contract Documents, including plans and specifications, may be viewed electronically beginning April 16, 2020 at www.BidDocsOnline.com and hard copies requested at Nashoba Blue, Inc., 433 Main Street, Hudson, MA 01749 (978-568-

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All bids for this project are subject to the provisions and minimum wage rates required by M.G.L. c.30, §39M as amended, and M.G.L. c.149, §26 to 27H, inclusive. All applicable Federal minimum wage rates and applicable Federal labor standards shall also apply pursuant to the Davis-Bacon Act. When both State and Federal wage rates are applicable, the higher rate must be paid.

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Bids may be changed or withdrawn prior to the bid opening, but not within the sixty (60) days subsequent to the bid opening, by submission of such a change in writing in a sealed envelope, identifying the submitting party and indicating that it contains a correction of the bid for the Moore Avenue and Lombard Street Infrastructure Improvements Project, Warren, MA.

The lowest qualified responsible bidder shall be awarded the contract subject to availability of funds under the DHCD Block Grant program. The Town of Warren, the Awarding and Contracting Authority, may cancel this Invitation for Bid (IFB), in whole or in part, at any time that such an act is deemed in its best interest, reserves the right to waive any informality in the bidding or to reject any and all bids in total or in part as may be deemed to serve the best interest of the Town, and will not be responsible for any costs incurred by a bidder in preparing and submitting a bid in response to this IFB.

Questions regarding the bid specifications should be directed in writing to Bill Storti at [Weston & Sampson](mailto:Weston&Sampson), at storti@wseinc.com. Contract documents may be viewed at the PVPC, 60 Congress Street, 1st Floor, Springfield, MA 01104, Warren Town Hall, 48 High Street, Warren, MA 01083, or Weston & Sampson, 273 Dividend Road, Rocky Hill, CT, 06067.

Bids must be received at the office of the Pioneer Valley Planning Commission no later than 2:00 PM on Thursday, May 7, 2020. Bids will be opened and read at that time.
4/16/2020

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which offers \$15,000 per business, and QVDC workers can help business people apply for the loans. Business people will need to provide their 2018 business taxes, or their 2019 taxes if they've been filed, a personal financial statement from each principle, credit report authorization, USDA debarment form, personal taxes and the application form, but QVDC will help with the application.

The program offers no interest or payment for the first six months of the loan, low interest for the following six months at 3 percent and the length of the loan is on a case-by-case basis.

QVDC can also help business people put together the necessary paperwork for Small Business Administration statewide disaster loans for businesses suffering substantial economic injury due to the circumstances around the COVID-19. Applicants can apply online at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/elaand> and call the SBA's customer service center at 800-659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov.

The deadline to apply for an Economic Injury Disaster Loan is Dec. 18.

The \$2 billion stimulus bill recently passed and signed into law by President Donald Trump includes payroll protection loans for companies with 500 or fewer employees. It provides \$10 billion worth of grants up to \$10,000 to provide emergency funds to small businesses to cover immediate operating costs.

There is also \$350 billion for the Small Business Administration to provide businesses with up to \$10 million each, which can be used to cover payroll, rent, mortgage payments and existing debt. If workers stay employed through June, these loans could be forgiven.

There is also \$17 billion to cover six months of payments for those businesses that already have SBA loans.

QVDC employees can advise businesses as they pull together their applications for those programs.

The Education to Employment, or E2E Center, on Main Street in Ware is closed to the public, but Holyoke Community College's Job Placement Assistant, Ann Rocchi, is available remotely to help people with job searches, resumes and cover letters. An appointment for a remote meeting can be made by calling her at 413-552-2929 or by email at arocchi@hcc.edu.

Rides

The Quaboag Connector, which provides van rides to low-income riders at \$2 each way, for a \$4 roundtrip, is still serving local residents in the Quaboag Hills area. taking folks to the grocery, bank drive-ins, work and other locations. They are taking precautions with frequent cleaning of the vans.

The towns served are Belchertown, Brookfield, East Brookfield, West Brookfield, Hardwick, Palmer, Monson, Ware and Warren.

It is open from 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., during the week. The number to get a ride, which must be lined up two business days in advance, is 413-544-3401.

"We urge people get in touch, we may not have an answer immediately for you on every issue, but we'll get it for you," said Melissa Fales, one of the nonprofit's loan coordinators. "We may not answer immediately, but leave a good, clear message and we will return your call as soon as possible."

For more information about the QVDC or its programs, to to www.qvdc.org.

Bryce A. Thompson, of Ware, inducted into Beta Gamma Sigma National Honor Society

SPRINGFIELD – Dr. Sharianne Walker, dean of the College of Business, announced that Bryce A. Thompson, of Ware, was one of 35 students inducted into the Western New England University chapter of Beta Gamma Sigma, the honor society of AACSB-accredited business schools worldwide. Thompson is majoring in Accounting.

While the traditional induction ceremony scheduled for April 16, was cancelled this year due to the ongoing coronavirus pandemic, Walker said it is important that "these deserving students who worked hard to achieve this distinction be celebrated" especially during these difficult times.

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